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SUBJECT: CURRENT STATUS OF RIO GRANDE DO SUL PETROCHEMICAL  
POLE

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THE FOLLOWING REPORT WAS PREPARED BY AMCONSUL PORTO ALEGRE.

1. THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF RIO GRANDE DO SUL AND OTHER  
AUTHORITIES OFFICIALLY BROKE GROUND FOR THE INFRASTRUCTURE  
WORKS OF BRAZIL'S THIRD PETROCHEMICAL POLE ON SEPT.

1977. THESE WORKS CONSIST BASICALLY OF EARTH LEVELING AND  
CONSTRUCTION OF INTERNAL ROADS AND INTERNAL PIPELINES FOR  
THE CORE UNIT. THE FRENCH FIRM TECHNIP HAS THE CONTRACT FOR  
THE CONSTRUCTION OF THE CORE UNIT, WHICH IS TO PRODUCE 420,000  
TONS PER YEAR OF ETHYLENE AND IS SCHEDULED TO START PRODUCTION  
IN EARLY 1981.

2. SECOND GENERATION PROJECTS. THE FOLLOWING IS A LIST OF THE  
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PRODUCTS, PRODUCTION (IN THOUSANDS OF TONS), NAME OF COMPANY,  
COMPOSITION OF COMPANY, VALUE OF INVESTMENT (IN DOLLARS), AND  
ESTIMATED DATE OF OPERATION, IN THAT ORDER:

A) LOW DENSITY POLYETHYLENE-115-POLIOLEFINAS-SUL POLIOLE-  
FINAS AND MAGUEFA - 88 MILLION - 1981

B) LOW DENSITY POLYETHYLENE - 100 - POLITENO-SUL, POLITENO  
AND APLUB, 91 MILLION, 1981

C) HIGH DENSITY POLYETHYLENE, 60, POLISUL PETROQUIMICA LTDA.,  
IPIRANGA AND HOECHST, 73 MILLION, 1981

D) MVC/PVC, 150, VINILSUL INDUSTRIA PETROQUIMICA S.A., PETRO-  
PAR (OLVEBRA/MONTEPIO DA FAMILIA MILITAR) AND FORMOSA PLAS-  
TICS, 170 MILLION, 1981

E) STYRENE, 125, OXITENO, OXITENO AND ULTRA, 99 MILLION, 1981

F) POLYSTYRENE, 60, PROQUIGEL, PROQUIGEL AND PETROAPLUB, 25  
MILLION, 1979.

G) POLYPROPYLENE, 50, PROPESUL, PETROPAR (OLVEBRA/MONTEPIO  
DA FAMILIA MILITAR) AND HERCULES, 75 MILLION, 1981.

H) SBR, 80 PETROFLEX SUL, PETROFLEX AND GUS LIVONIUS MACIEL  
62 MILLION, 1981.

3. THIRD GENERATION. THE PLANNING AUTHORITIES IN RIO GRANDE  
DO SUL ARE CURRENTLY IN THE PROCESS OF DEFINING WHAT THE PRO-  
DUCTS AND THE VOLUME OF PRODUCTION OF THE THIRD GENERATION  
PLANTS SHOULD BE.

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